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SUBJECT: 1974 ROK/US SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING
(SCM) AGENDA

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THIS IS A COUNTRY TEAM MESSAGE.

1. REF A RECOMMENDED AGENDA TOPICS BE IDENTIFIED AND PROPOSED TO ROK MND. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS CONTAIN COUNTRY TEAM COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PROPOSED AGENDS.

2. THE JOINT STATEMENT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1971 ANNOUNCED THAT THE ANNUAL SCM'S WOULD BE HELD "TO ASSESS THE NATURE OF THE MILITARY THREAT" AGAINST THE ROK AND TO EVALUATE OVER-ALL CAPABILITIES TO DEFEND AGAINST IT. PAST MEETINGS HAVE BEGUN WITH THESE TOPICS AND IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE MEETING THIS YEAR SHOULD ALSO. IN ADDITION TO THE SUMMARY OF THE NORTH KOREAN

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CAPABILITIES, THE CHANGES SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING

SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED ALONG WITH THE NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITY DURING THE PAST YEAR. IN REVIEWING THE FORCES REQUIRED TO DEFEND AGAINST THE THREAT, WE SHOULD EMPHASIZE A BALANCED, FLEXIBLE FORCE IN WHICH AIRCRAFT AND WEAPONS MUST BE CONSIDERED IN ALL THEIR USES AS MUTUALLY SUPPORTING PARTS OF THE OVERALL DEFENSIVE ARRANGEMENT. SUMMARIZING THE FORCES ON HAND TO MEET THE DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS SHOULD PINPOINT THE SHORTCOMINGS IN THE PRESENT FORCE STRUCTURE AND LEAD LOGICALLY TO A DISCUSSION OF THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, SECURITY ASSISTANCE MATTERS AND THE ROKG DEFENSE PROGRAM.

3. THE RECENTLY COMPLETED REVIEW OF THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM PROVIDES A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF PLANS AND PROGRAMS ON BOTH SIDES. THE ROK WILL ALMOST SURELY PRESS FOR EARLY "COMPLETION" OF THE ORIGINAL "COMMITMENT" AND THE EARLY PROCUREMENT OF THOSE ITEMS HIGH ON THE PRIORITIES LIST. A REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS AND PRESENT STATUS OF MODERNIZATION SHOULD PLACE THE PROGRAM IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE AND EMPHASIZE OUR BASIC OBJECTIVE OF BUILDING A BALANCED FORCE THE ROK CAN SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN WITHOUT OUR HELP.

4. ANY DISCUSSION OF OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR THE ROK DEFENSE PROGRAM WILL NECESSARILY LEAD TO DISCUSSIONS OF FUNDING. THE AMOUNT OF TIME DURING THE MEETING WE WISH TO DEVOTE TO THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE DETERMINED IN LARGE MEASURE BY THE CANDOR WITH WHICH BOTH SIDES CAN DISCUSS THEM. MUCH OF THE DISCUSSION WILL NECESSARILY BE LIMITED TO THE PRIVATE SESSION, BUT IT MAY BE WELL TO INCLUDE A GENERAL OUTLINE OF WHAT WE ARE PREPARED TO DO DURING THE OPEN SESSION. THE FMS CREDIT SITUATION, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS THE INCREASES REQUESTED BY THE ROK AND THE PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED, IS A LIKELY TOPIC.

5. IT MAY BE WELL TO MENTION DURING THE MEETING THE U.S. HEADQUARTERS CHANGES AND REALIGNMENTS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN KOREA AS WELL AS THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC COMMAND AND ELSEWHERE TO ASSURE THE ROKG THAT THEY
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IN NO WAY AFFECT OUR COMBAT POSTURE OR ABILITY TO REACT APPROPRIATELY SHOULD THE SITUATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA REQUIRE. OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE READY FOR DISCUSSION DURING THE MEETING, AT LEAST NOT DURING THE OPEN SESSIONS.

6. IN SUMMARY, WE FEEL THAT AN APPROPRIATE LINE-UP OF TOPICS TO RECOMMEND TO MND SUH FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

WOULD BE:

A. THREAT ASSESSMENT

- (1) NORTH KOREAN CAPABILITIES
- (2) CHANGES TO NK FORCE STRUCTURE
- (3) NK ACTIVITY

B. REVIEW OF FORCE REQUIREMENTS

- (1) FORCES REQUIRED TO MEET THE THREAT
- (2) STATUS OF ROK FORCES
- (3) MAJOR SHORTCOMINGS

C. DISCUSSION OF AD HOC REVIEW OF MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

- (1) PROGRAM OBJECTIVES
- (2) DISCUSSION OF PRIORITIES
- (3) TIME PHASING

D. PLANS AND PROGRAMS

- (1) OUTLOOK FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
- (2) FMS CREDIT PROSPECTS
- (3) ROK DEFENSE PROGRAMMING
- (4) STATUS OF ROK DEFENSE INDUSTRY

E. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

OCGOCHANGES IN USFK-EA HEADQUARTERS

- (2) OTHER CHANGES IN PACOM

7. FOREGOING PRESENTS WHAT APPEARS TO US A LOGICAL SEQUENCE OF TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED IN REGULAR SESSIONS. HOWEVER, POLITICAL BACKGROUND FOR MEETING THIS YEAR WILL DIFFER MARKEDLY FROM EARLIER SESSIONS. ROKG IS NOW AWARE THAT ITS REPRESSIVE POLITICAL ACTIONS HAVE AROUSED ANTIPATHY OF U.S. PRESS AND THREATEN SIGNIFICANTLY TO ALTER CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES TOWARD PROVIDING FUNDS FOR ROK MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID PROGRAMS. DOMESTIC SITUATION COULD IMPROVE BEFORE SCM IS CONVENED, BUT WE SEE LITTLUSD OSPECT OF FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN ROKG DOMESTIC POLICIES. WE

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THEREFORE BELIEVE US DELEGATION SHOULD BE PREPARED, IN PRIVATE SESSIONS, TO PRESENT CANDID EXPOSITION OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THEIR POTENTIAL EFFECT ON ALL ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONS WITH ROKG.

8. FOR THEIR PART, KOREANS WILL DOUBTLESS ATTEMPT TO USE FACT OF MEETING ITSELF AS EVIDENCE OF CONTINUED US SUPPORT FOR THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT. THEIR DELEGATION MAY WELL BE INSTRUCTED TO ATTEMPT TO USE ANY COMMUNIQUE OR JOINT PRESS STATEMENT THAT MAY EMERGE TO MAKE THIS POINT AND TO GET WHATEVER ADDITIONAL MILEAGE THEY CAN OUT OF IT FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL PURPOSES. THEY WILL PROBABLY WANT COMMUNIQUE TO REFLECT THEIR VIEW OF IMMINENCE OF NORTH KOREAN MILITARY ACTION AND AS MUCH AS THEY CAN GET IN THE WAY OF RENEWED US COMMITMENTS REGARDING THE DEFENSE OF KOREA,

THE RETENTION OF US FORCES AND CONTINUATION OF AID PROGRAMS.
COUNTRY TEAM BELIEVES COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE ALONG LINES OF
PREVIOUS YEARS WHICH HAVE BEEN MORE GENERAL IN THEIR CONTENT.
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